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REPLY WITH
AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on June 5, 2001, for the above-referenced application. Applicants also submit a request for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for submitting the reply to October 5, 2001. All pending claims are rejected. Claims 54, 57-59, 64, 66, 71, 83-86, 90, 92-94, 98, and 107-118 are amended and new claims 119 to 134 are added. Claims 54, 57-62, 64-72 and 75-134 are presented for examination.

Applicants initially would like to thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestions and recommendations during a telephonic interview with Applicants' undersigned representative on September 26, 2001. During the interview, the outstanding rejections and the cited references were discussed in relation to proposed claim amendments, new claims, and support found in the specification. As discussed during the interview, Applicants submit the instant reply with amendments to the claims, new claims, and supporting remarks. Applicants respectfully submit this reply for reconsideration of the instant application.

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